

## 4.B OASDI: Covered Workers

Table 4.B1.—Workers, earnings, and Social Security numbers issued, 1937–99

[Worker estimates based on 1-percent sample]

Year	Workers reported with taxable earnings <sup>1</sup> (in thousands)			Earnings					Social Security numbers issued <sup>2</sup> (in thousands)
	Total	With maximum earnings	New entrants into covered employment <sup>3</sup>	Total in covered employment <sup>4</sup> (in millions)	Reported taxable <sup>1</sup>		Average per worker		
					Amount (in millions)	Percent of total	Total earnings <sup>4</sup>	Reported taxable	
1937.....	32,900	1,031	32,900	\$32,200	\$29,620	92.0	\$979	\$900	37,139
1940.....	35,390	1,196	4,430	35,700	32,970	92.4	1,009	932	5,227
1945.....	46,390	6,361	3,480	71,600	62,950	87.9	1,543	1,357	3,321
1950.....	48,280	13,936	2,520	109,800	87,500	79.7	2,274	1,812	2,891
1951.....	58,120	14,270	6,000	148,900	120,770	81.1	2,562	2,078	4,927
1952.....	59,580	16,606	3,500	159,900	128,640	80.5	2,684	2,159	4,363
1953.....	60,840	19,013	3,090	173,000	135,870	78.5	2,844	2,233	3,464
1954.....	59,610	18,866	2,360	171,900	133,520	77.7	2,884	2,240	2,743
1955.....	65,200	16,704	4,760	196,100	157,540	80.3	3,008	2,416	4,323
1956.....	67,610	19,236	3,660	216,800	170,720	78.8	3,207	2,525	4,376
1957.....	70,590	21,095	3,380	233,900	181,380	77.5	3,314	2,569	3,639
1958.....	69,770	21,328	2,450	236,500	180,720	76.4	3,390	2,590	2,290
1959.....	71,700	19,112	3,180	255,000	202,310	79.3	3,556	2,822	3,388
1960.....	72,530	20,310	3,130	265,200	207,000	78.1	3,656	2,854	3,415
1961.....	72,820	21,265	2,990	270,700	209,640	77.4	3,717	2,879	3,370
1962.....	74,280	23,154	3,360	289,000	219,050	75.8	3,891	2,949	4,519
1963.....	75,540	24,570	3,520	302,300	225,550	74.6	4,002	2,986	8,617
1964.....	77,430	26,717	3,890	324,500	236,390	72.8	4,191	3,053	5,623
1965.....	80,680	29,136	4,620	351,700	250,730	71.3	4,359	3,108	6,131
1966.....	84,600	20,498	5,080	390,700	312,540	80.0	4,618	3,694	6,506
1967.....	87,040	22,948	4,530	422,300	329,960	78.1	4,852	3,791	5,920
1968.....	89,380	19,120	4,830	460,000	375,840	81.7	5,147	4,205	5,862
1969.....	92,060	22,577	5,160	502,800	402,550	80.1	5,462	4,373	6,289
1970.....	93,090	24,224	4,440	531,600	415,600	78.2	5,711	4,464	6,132
1971.....	93,340	26,404	4,470	559,700	426,960	76.3	5,996	4,574	6,401
1972.....	96,240	24,074	5,150	617,900	484,110	78.3	6,420	5,030	9,564
1973.....	99,830	20,250	5,670	686,700	561,850	81.8	6,879	5,628	10,038
1974.....	101,330	15,310	4,940	746,700	636,760	85.3	7,369	6,284	7,998
1975.....	100,200	15,070	4,120	787,600	664,660	84.4	7,860	6,633	8,164
1976.....	102,600	15,330	4,700	874,700	737,700	84.3	8,525	7,190	9,043
1977.....	105,800	15,700	5,070	960,100	816,550	85.0	9,075	7,718	7,724
1978.....	110,600	17,050	5,460	1,092,600	915,600	83.8	9,879	8,278	5,260
1979.....	112,700	11,236	4,883	1,222,200	1,067,000	87.3	10,845	9,468	5,213
1980.....	113,000	9,903	4,243	1,328,800	1,180,700	88.9	11,759	10,449	5,984
1981.....	113,000	8,594	4,090	1,450,900	1,294,100	89.2	12,840	11,452	5,581
1982.....	111,800	7,929	3,408	1,516,600	1,365,300	90.0	13,565	12,212	5,362
1983.....	112,100	7,044	3,914	1,615,200	1,454,100	90.0	14,409	12,971	6,699
1984.....	116,300	7,421	4,743	1,800,800	1,608,800	89.3	15,484	13,833	5,980
1985.....	119,800	7,766	4,756	1,936,800	1,722,600	88.9	16,167	14,379	5,720
1986.....	122,900	7,624	4,641	2,081,800	1,844,400	88.6	16,939	15,007	5,711
1987.....	125,600	7,735	4,956	2,237,000	1,960,000	87.6	17,811	15,605	11,621
1988.....	129,600	8,483	5,489	2,432,800	2,088,400	85.8	18,772	16,114	11,370
1989.....	131,700	8,110	4,856	2,578,700	2,239,500	86.8	19,580	17,005	8,049
1990.....	133,600	7,575	4,012	2,703,800	2,358,000	87.2	20,238	17,650	9,054
1991.....	133,000	7,483	3,541	2,760,500	2,422,500	87.8	20,756	18,214	7,509
1992.....	134,000	7,667	3,918	2,917,800	2,532,900	86.8	21,775	18,902	6,819
1993.....	136,100	7,617	4,204	3,022,900	2,636,100	87.2	22,211	19,369	5,893
1994.....	138,200	7,518	4,591	3,197,000	2,785,200	87.1	23,133	20,153	5,816
1995 <sup>5</sup> .....	141,100	8,196	4,623	3,397,800	2,919,400	85.9	24,081	20,690	5,465
1996 <sup>5</sup> .....	143,500	8,696	4,612	3,596,900	3,076,500	85.5	25,066	21,439	5,533
1997 <sup>5</sup> .....	146,700	9,048	4,698	3,875,900	3,287,400	84.8	26,421	22,409	5,413
1998 <sup>6</sup> .....	149,500	(7)	(7)	4,163,700	3,517,000	84.5	27,851	23,525	5,288
1999 <sup>8</sup> .....	151,800	(7)	(7)	4,462,300	3,765,000	84.4	29,396	24,802	5,306

<sup>1</sup> Relates to wage and salary workers for 1937–50. Beginning in 1951, includes self-employment. See table 2.A3 for annual maximum taxable earnings.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes railroad account numbers. Since program began, 397 million Social Security numbers have been issued. (Some individuals have been issued more than one number.)

<sup>3</sup> Workers reported with first taxable earnings under program in specified year. During 1937–97, 290.2 million different persons reported with taxable earnings.

<sup>4</sup> Total wages, including estimated amounts above taxable limit, for 1937–50. Beginning in 1951, also includes reported total net earnings of self-employed persons.

<sup>5</sup> Preliminary data.

<sup>6</sup> Taxable earnings are preliminary estimates based on Social Security data; employment and total covered earnings are preliminary estimates based on data from Bureau of Labor Statistics and the National Income and Product Accounts.

<sup>7</sup> Data not available.

<sup>8</sup> Preliminary estimates based on data from Bureau of Labor Statistics and the National Income and Product Accounts.

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